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PAINTING GUIDE LIGHTNING BLADE

List of Paints

Vallejo - Black
Vallejo - White
Vallejo - Sun Yellow

Liquitex - Titanium White
Liquitex - Fluorescent Yellow



Starting with a baselayer of almost **Black** mixed with a bit of **Flat Red**.



Then used some online reference pictures of lightning to paint the patterns with **White**. **



Fixed some flaws using the basecolors mix to trim some lines and make them thinner. And using **White** to flash out the pattern further.

**** Quick notes on thin brush strokes:**

One of the most important factors for thin brushstrokes is paint consistency. You definitely want your paint to be quite thin - around a 50/50 mix of paint and water works well for me when using White. There's always a bit of a learning curve to find the sweet spot between smooth flow and solid coverage. I tend to struggle with it from time to time therefore I always draw a small test line on my thumbnail before applying the mix to the mini. Also for the lightning on this weapon I tried to draw small and uneven stripes and dots to create the pattern rather than painting each strike in one motion.



I then used a mix of **Titanium White** + a tiny bit of **Fluo Yellow** to spray a thin layer above each strike. Trying to be very gentle here while spraying a bit more to the middle section at the top and to the energy source.



I then finished up the sword by painting the edges with the brush using a **White** + a tiny bit of **Sun Yellow**. And we are done!

